

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION Internship Opportunities



THE RESOURCE

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is located on a prominent headland just three miles north of Newport, on Oregon's scenic central coast. Nestled comfortably between the Pacific Ocean and the Coastal Range, the city of Newport offers the convenience of its larger counterparts within the relaxed atmosphere of a small town.

THE POSITION

Interns at Yaquina Head may find themselves exploring tidepools with elementary school students, describing the migration of gray whales as they swim past, answering questions on the area at the site's interpretive center, greeting visitors at the fee collection booth, or guiding visitors into the past inside Oregon's tallest lighthouse. Interns are responsible for protecting the area's abundant wildlife, including harbor seals, bald eagles, ground squirrels, various nesting seabirds, and native vegetation.

Environmental education interns receive two weeks of training in educational methodology, planning, and site-specific natural history training. Upon completion of this training, interns will put their knowledge to work in the field, engaging school age children in educational activities focusing on the site's Marine Gardens and lighthouse history.

Free housing is provided at the Hatfield Marine Science Center located 5 miles south of Yaquina Head. Each intern will receive a weekly stipend.

The internship lasts for twelve weeks, from mid-March through mid-June, 2003.

QUALIFICATIONS

This internship provides excellent career oriented experience for anyone interested in environmental education. No prior experience is necessary. Applicants *must* have:

- A valid driver's license
- A personal vehicle (transportation to and from the site)
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for working with children

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM MISSION

The Bureau of Land Management is currently developing a new education curriculum at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area that emphasizes hands-on engagement in the area's resources. Through this new program, we hope to further utilize the site's unique natural and historic resources, providing standards-linked educational opportunities for on-site and off-site educational groups.

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